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Artichokes for Hogs.

Experience has demonstrated the fact that artichokes are excellent food for hogs, and that they are practically valuable in those localities where corn is the principal food. As more than a usual quantity is likely to be planted this spring, a word or so of caution may not be out of place. There are good reasons why it is not a good plan to plant them in the center of any field, for when once established they are very difficult to eradicate. A better way is to plant them where they can remain for any length of time desired. Do not recommend planting more than a few acres, unless you have had some previous experience with them; although those who make hog raising a business, often plant as many as five acres. At all events the artichokes should be planted where it is convenient to turn in the hogs, so that after the frost has destroyed the tops in the fall, they will root up and eat the principal part of the crop. Enough of the tubers will usually remain in the ground at the time winter sets in to seed the ground. From the numerous reports of farmers are now raising them for feed.

It is not probable that artichokes will be so valuable to the northern farmer as stock or field peas is to the southern one.

Col. Scott, of Iowa, who is an extensive

Don't let the grass get too dry, before beginning to cut for hay. Don't let it be exposed to the sun too long. Put it in cocks to cure. Put it in good stacks, or under shelter, as soon as cured. Don't let the storms bleach all the substance out of it.

A Nebraska farmer claims to have made 600 pounds of bright sugar from 158 gallons of amber syrup from two acres of cane. The seed planted was of the early amber variety. The sugar was obtained by hanging the thick syrup in coffee sacks after it began to granulate.

A Vermont correspondent of the *Chicago Herald* says: "We have a fine variety of maple which has been wet-nursed a pair of years, and has been the past six weeks. They took to her after the death of their mother, and stunted away until they browned."

made among the members of the society, the new spirit which they permit, the new science which they have created. The Smithsonian institute at Washington, which has done as much to advance the cause of science in this country as any college or association of men has ever done, is presided over by Prof. Henry has just died, being over eighty years of age. The scientific world mourns his loss, not only because he was a man of profound learning and great originality, but also because of his noble heart and his gentle manners.

A herculean Yankee, from the lumbering districts of Maine, on paying his bill in a London restaurant, was informed that the amount paid didn't include the waiter. "Wal," he roared, "what of it don't! I didn't eat any waiter, did I?" And he glared at the attendant so ferociously that they precipitately left him to go his way in peace.

to the United States. The export of this valuable commodity is so remarkable in this country has increased immensely within twelve to fifteen years that it is now one of the principal exports of the country. The United States is the largest market for the product of Carrara being America. Our consular agent in Carrara is a member of the firm, and he is proud to produce a large consular seal to prove the genuineness of the product and the revenue that any other in Italy.

res that he's formerly the "hills" again, and the carnivorous, but he says that late they have been fed on horse manure which is very cheap. The buffalo, deer and elephants live now on grass and the carnivorous animals eat what is the freest of the lot; but it is quantified so that he craves, without much regard for quality. He will eat two hundred pounds of any kind of hay every day, but a bushel of potatoes is to him like a plate of strawberries to a hungry man. He will eat food costs \$10 a week, which is a very small sum for a creature of his size. He is to be fed carefully, because he has a very large regard for his long, narrow throat, and has a more mouthful down than up. He has to have more reached to his stomach, than he can choke himself. Common monkeys eat nearly everything that is offered; so do the apes, but the cassowary is to be patient with the food of the insectivorous to be patient catered to. The moose is the hardest to please, and misses the twigs of his native woods.

The infant fell while they were speaking and was caught safely in the blanket, a woman was walking toward the door when she clasped it to her bosom with frantic delight. The wbole was the work of less time than we have taken to describe it.

But simultaneously a terrific crash was heard that made the very air tremble beneath the spectacle. A huge column of smoke poured toward the roof, and where the roof had been, and a gush of intense flame followed, leaping far above the highest ceiling.

The crowd—one and all, gasped for breath. There came a deep, long-drawn sigh, for the roof and floors had evidently fallen in. The flames, the smoke, the noise was nowhere to be seen.

A dozen persons rushed toward the building, and until driven back to the street by the flames, they were the last to have been last seen. They hoped to find him there. They had flattered themselves that there had been time enough for that.

But it was now evident this had not

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